NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

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Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Fuel Reduction Around Buildings (04/05-CD-29)

LOCATION: Palomar Mountain State Park **COUNTY**: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: This project will remove flammable vegetation around all park buildings in conformance with the requirements of California Resources Code Section 4291. This will require removing any flammable vegetation or other combustible growth capable of rapidly transmitting fire from the native growth to any building or structure for a minimum of 100 feet. This requirement does not apply to specimen trees, ornamental shrubbery, or similar plants that are used as ground cover, if they do not form a means of rapidly transmitting fire from the native growth to any building or structure. No historic or specimen trees will be removed, although some may be trimmed to reduce the fire transmission risk. A maximum of 8 acres of brush and immature tree vegetation will be removed. No significant impacts to biological or historical resources will occur.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Colorado Desert District

| EXEMPT STATUS: | |
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| ☐ Declared Emergency (Se | ection 15269(a)) |
| ☐ Emergency Project (Sect | ion 15269(b) and (c)) |
| Statutory Exemption (Section) | |
| X Categorical Exemption | , |
| Class: 4 | Section: 15304 |
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REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.

Fuel management activities within 100 feet of a structure if the public agency having fire protection responsibility for the area has determined that 100 feet of fuel clearance is required due to extra hazardous fire conditions.

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